

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 510  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Brittany Adkins upon earning recognition as 2003 Youth of the Year by the Brentwood chapter of the National Exchange Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those young men and women who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Adkins is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; as such, she was selected as 2003 Youth of the Year by the Brentwood chapter of the National Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, each year, schools from across the area recommend outstanding students in academics and extracurricular activities to submit an essay titled, "America's Young Patriots-- Believing and Achieving for a Better America"; the winner of this essay contest is recognized as the Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Adkins is a highly respected member of her community; the daughter of Gary and Karen Adkins of Smyrna, she is a senior at Battle Ground Academy; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a student at BGA, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, Brittany's many remarkable accomplishments include a grade point average of 4.0, the Harvard Book Award for the most well-rounded junior, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, and countless awards throughout the Southeast in speech and vocal competitions; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Academic Honor Society and the International Youth Choir in New York City, and she was a National Qualifier for the National Forensics League; and

WHEREAS, Brittany's remarkable success as a public civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; these valuable characteristics bode well for her future success, particularly as she plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, one sentence in particular from Brittany's essay had special meaning for the Exchange Club, a civic organization that, among many other projects, sponsors homes for abused children; she writes, "The birth of patriotism comes when confronted with the myriad of opportunities for education and profession, and the limitless ways of serving our communities;" and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the public-spirited citizen, dedicated student, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Brittany, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Adkins is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Brittany Adkins on being named 2003 Youth of the Year by the Brentwood chapter of the National Exchange Club, noting her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.